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TO CONGRESSMAN WYATT FROM JOHN M. THOMAS

FOLLOWING REPEAT JIDDA 4925 ACTION SECSTATE

INFO AMMAN BEIRUT 25 AUGUST 1974. QUOTE:

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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL (WYATT, WENDELL)

REF : (A) STATE 176871; (B) STATE 181422

1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH ACTING MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MOHAMMAD MAS'UD AUGUST 24, CHARGE STRESSED IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHED TO CONGRESSMAN WYATT'S VISIT, AND SAID EMBASSY WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE FOR SCHEDULING ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING AUDIENCE WITH KING FAISAL. MAS'UD SAD HE WOULD GIVE MATTER HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION. ONCE WE RECEIVE REPLY TO CONGRESSMAN'S REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE, OTHER PROGRAM INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.

2. CHARGE WOULD BE PLEASED IF CONGRESSMAN COULD BE HIS HOUSE-GUEST DURING OVERNIGHT STAY IN JIDDA. SUCH ARRANGMENT WOULD ALSO BE MORE EFFECTIVE FROM A SCHEDULING STANDPOINT, SINCE TOLERANCES IN CONGRESSMAN'S SCHEDULE ARE LIKELY TO BE CLOSE.

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(AMBASSADOR AKINS RETURNS FROM ANNUAL LEAVE NIGHT OF AUGUST

29; IF CONGRESSMAN LEAVES MORNING OF AUGUST 30, WE WILL ARRANGE
AT LEAST THAT BE BREAKFAST WITH AMBASSADOR.)

3. WE NOTE PARA SEVEN REF (A) STATES CONGRESSMAN PROCEEDING
TO AMMAN FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 VIA RJ-701, THIS FLIGHT, HOWEVER,
IS NO LONGER IN OPERATION. ACCORDINGLY, RECOMMEND CONGRESSMAN
CONSIDER DEPARTING JIDDA 0830 FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 30 VIA
ME 375 WHICH ARRIVES BEIRUT 1050 HOURS LOCAL. CONGRESSMAN
COULD CONSULT WITH AMEMBASSY BEIRUT ON FRIDAY AND PROCEED
AMMAN 2050 HRS THAT EVENING VIA RJ (ALIA) 402, ARRIVING 2140.
(THE FIRST DIRECT FLIGHT FROM JIDDA TO AMMAN WOULD BE SV-934,
WHICH DEPARTS AT 1010 AUGUST 31, AND ARRIVES AMMAN AT 1415.)
PLEASE ADVISE.
HORAN

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